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In re Application of:)	
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VERKAART et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/623,793)	
)	Examiner: SIEFKE, Samuel P.
Filed: September 8, 2000)	
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For: APPARATUS FOR THE STERILE)	
TRANSFER OF FLUIDS)	

RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114 and
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Hon. Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

SIR:

This responds to the office action of July 6, 2004. No claims are amended by this response, and remarks are set forth below.